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SUBJECT: MAGLOIRE'S ANTI-GOH THREATS

REF: VINCENT/NEHER LTR. OF 5/21/75

1. WE HAVE RELIABLE EVIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT DUVALIER AND HIS SECURITY ADVISORS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF FORMER PRESIDENT PAUL MAGLOIRE'S INTERVIEW IN THE APRIL 23-30, 1975 EDITION OF THE AMSTERDAM NEWS, PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK. THE ONLY SUMMARY OF IT THAT WE HAVE SEEN WAS IN THE NEW YORK EXILE OPPOSITION NEWSPAPER HAITI-OBSERVATEUR IN ITS MAY 2-9, 1975 EDITION. ALLEGEDLY MAGLOIRE THREATENED THAT HE WAS PREPARING TO OVERTHROW DUVALIER IN THE RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE, CAREFULLY AVOIDING US TERRITORY IN SO DOING, AND WOULD RESTORE HIMSELF TO POWER. AS HAITI-OBSERVATEUR OBSERVED, THIS IS A SHIFT IN MAGLOIRE'S RECENT TACTICS, WHICH WERE TO OFFER HIMSELF AS A RALLYING POINT FOR A COALITION OF ANTI-DUVALIER FORCES BUT WITHOUT CLAIMING ANY INTENTION TO REGAIN POLITICAL POWER FOR HIMSELF.

2. THIS INTERVIEW, IF OUR UNDERSTANDING OF IT IS AT ALL CORRECT, WOULD OBVIOUSLY RAISE QUESTIONS IN THE MINDS OF GOH LEADERS ABOUT MAGLOIRE'S RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE USG AND DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT (GODR), WITH WHICH THE PALACE APPARENTLY SUSPECTS MAGLOIRE WAS IN CONTACT THIS MONTHS (REF. LETTER). WHILE THIS IS STILL JUST ATMOSPHERICS, AND HOPEFULLY WILL EVENTUALLY BE FORGOTTEN, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW OF MAGLOIRE'S INTENTIONS

AND CAPABILITIES, AND HOW THEY MIGHT COMPLICATE USG/GOH AND
GOH/GODR RELATIONS.

3. REQUEST THE TEXT OF MAGLOIRE'S AMSTERDAM NEWS INTERVIEW,
CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF MAGLOIRE'S INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES
REGARDING ANTI-GOH ACTIVITIES, AND THE INVOLVEMENT THEREIN OF
ANY THIRD COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE DR.
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